

## Message Text

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE FROM CHARGE

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OREP (MORGAN, ROBERT B.)  
SUBJ: APPOINTMENTS FOR SENATOR MORGAN

REF: A) STATE 287463; B) BANGKOK 33201

1. ON BASIS OF EARLIER REPORTING THAT SENATOR MORGAN WOULD BE COMING TO BANGKOK, EARLIER THIS WEEK I HAD MENTIONED HIS VISIT INFORMALLY TO KRIANGSAK, UPPADIT AND LEK. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THEY WERE DELIGHTED AT PROSPECT OF THE SENATOR VISITING BANGKOK FOR EXACTLY THE REASONS YOU TOUCHED ON IN YOUR MESSAGE.

2. ALL THREE INDICATED THAT, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, THEY WOULD LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING SENATOR MORGAN, AND WE HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTRY STAFF TO WORK OUT SOME TENTATIVE TIMES. HOWEVER, I WOULD FORESEE NO MAJOR DIFFICULTY IN INFORMALLY ALERTING THEM TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SENATOR, FOR MEDICAL REASONS, MIGHT HAVE TO CANCEL PART OF HIS TRIP, WHILE SECURING APPOINTMENTS ON A CONTINGENT BASIS.

3. MORE GENERALLY, HOWEVER, I WOULD NOTE THAT KRIANGSAK IS CONFIDENTIAL

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VERY SENSITIVE ABOUT EXTERNAL PERCEPTIONS OF HIMSELF AND IS ALWAYS LOOKING FOR VISIBLE REASSURANCES THAT THE U.S. REMAINS INTERESTED IN THAILAND AND THAT HE PERSONALLY IS FULLY ACCEPTED AS A POLITICAL LEADER. EARLIER THIS WEEK, FORMER TREASURY SECRETARY DAVID KENNEDY CALLED ON KRIANGSAK FOR A GENERAL DISCUSSION OF THE ECONOMIC SITUATION. KRIANGSAK USED PART OF THAT MEETING TO EXPRESS HIS PERSONAL CONCERN THAT AT A TIME THAT

THAILAND IS STANDING ALONE THERE IS NO LONGER THE SAME INTEREST  
IN THAILAND AS IN THE PAST ON THE PART OF ITS OLD FRIENDS  
(I.E., THE U.S.). IN THAT CONTEXT, HE SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE  
LACK OF HIGH LEVEL VISITORS TO THE COUNTRY.

4. TO A DEGREE, THIS IS BOTH A LONG TIME KRIANGSAK THEME,  
AS WELL AS INEVITABLE IN THE POST VIETNAM PERIOD. HOWEVER, IF  
IT IS POSSIBLE TO ENCOURAGE SENATOR MORGAN TO INCLUDE THAILAND  
IN HIS ITINERARY, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR THE  
SENATOR AND VERY HELPFUL HERE IN SHOWING A CONTINUING AMERICAN  
INTEREST IN THAILAND, BEYOND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH.  
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